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Ref: 8HWM-SM

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Mr. Paul Skabelund
U.S. Forest Service
Uinta National Forest
88 West 100 North
Provo, Utah 84601

Re: Compliance with CERCLA
Section 120 Requirements

Dear Mr. Skabelund:

The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), as amended by Section 120 of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA), outlines the requirements for preremedial activities at Federal Facilities. Section 120(c) of CERCLA requires the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to establish a Federal Agency Hazardous Waste Compliance Docket (docket). The docket, first published in the Federal Register (Volume 53, Number 29) on February 12, 1988, is a list of all facilities required under provisions of CERCLA Section 120(d) to submit the information specified in the section. The docket is required to be updated every six months.

CERCLA Section 120(d) requires EPA to ensure that all facilities on the docket submit a Preliminary Assessment (PA). A Site Inspection (SI) is also required if the results of the PA warrant such an investigation. Each facility that appears on the docket must perform a PA, and an SI if warranted, within 18 months of the date on which it is first listed.

EPA must evaluate the submittal of each facility and determine whether it is appropriate that the facility be included on the National Priorities List (NPL). The NPL is the list of those facilities that have been given priority for possible long-term remedial action under the federal Superfund program. This letter is to inform you that your facility, **American Fork Canyon/Uinta National Forest** has appeared on the February 5, 1993 docket. In accordance with CERCLA Section 120(d), you must submit a PA and, if warranted, a SI, within 18 months from February 5, 1993. The PA should be submitted to the address listed below:

Environmental Protection Agency
Superfund Technical Section (8HWM-SM)
999 18th Street, Suite 500
Denver, CO 80202-2466
Attn: Charles M. Sanchez, Site Assessment Manager

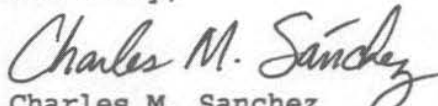
Enclosed you will find "Guidance for Performing Preliminary

Assessments Under CERCLA" and the Region VIII PA Guidance. This PA guidance should provide additional direction to federal facilities in developing PAs that EPA can evaluate easily. Once the PA is submitted, EPA will make one of the following determinations: (1) the site should be classified as Site Evaluation Accomplished (SEA) or (2) the site warrants a SI. If a site is classified as SEA, this means that a SI is not necessary at this time and that EPA will not evaluate this site further for inclusion on the NPL. Please be aware, however, that when we designate a site as SEA, we are not completely closing our files on the site. If new information becomes available, EPA will review it, and, if appropriate, proceed to the next phase of the investigation. This SEA classification does not preclude the state taking action to remediate the site.

EPA requests a draft copy of the PA prior to submittal of the final PA in order to determine if all the necessary information has been collected and documented. EPA also requests any copies of other reports or sampling results that have been performed at this site. I am also enclosing the SI guidance and some general information on the Superfund process as it pertains to Federal Facilities.

If you have any questions regarding the submittal of the PA, please call me at (303) 294-7048. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Charles M. Sanchez
Site Assessment Manager

Enclosures